

Major Scales in All Keys

Scales provide the foundation for understanding harmony and learning the 12 major scales is a fundamental step in learning jazz piano. When we play a piece of music using the notes of a particular scale, we say that we are playing in that key. For example, if we are playing a piece of music using just the notes from the C major scale, we are playing in the key of C.

C Major



G Major



D Major



A Major



E Major



B Major



F# Major



Gb Major



Db Major



Ab Major



Eb Major



Bb Major



F Major



Practice Exercises

Play through these scales until you know them by memory. Also learn the notes numerically, for example, A is the 6th note in C Major, G# is the 3rd of E Major, Ab is the 5th of Db Major. You can also practice this away from the piano. Also notice that F# Major and Gb Major are enharmonic equivalents